

FLOOR SCHEDULE FOR SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2013

HOUSE MEETS AT:	FIRST VOTE PREDICTED:	LAST VOTE PREDICTED:
9:30 a.m.: Legislative Business	10:30 – 11:00 a.m.	11:00 – 11:30 a.m.
Five “One Minutes”		

H.J.Res. 80 – American Indian and Alaska Native, Health, Education, and Safety Act (Rep. Simpson – Appropriations) (40 Minutes of Debate). The bill provides funding for the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), the Bureau of Indian Education, and the Indian Health Service (IHS) through December 15, 2013, at the \$986 billion sequester-reduced funding levels, the same level of funding in the clean Senate CR.

This bill provides less than 50% of the funding that Tribes receive from the federal government. More than 20 federal departments and agencies provide approximately \$19 billion annually of a wide range of federal programs and services to help tribes address the critical needs of their communities. Omitted from the legislation being considered in the House are programs such as: USDA’s Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations, HUD’s Native American Housing Block Grant, and other programs important to Indian country that are funded by the Departments of Education, Transportation, Labor, Energy, HHS, and EPA. The Rule for H.J.Res. 80, which was adopted last week, provides for a closed Rule and 40 minutes of general debate. **Members are urged to VOTE NO.**

Postponed Votes (2 votes)

- 1) Democratic Motion to Instruct Conferees on H.R. 2642 – Farm Bill** – offered by Mr. Peterson of Minnesota - The Motion to Instruct would instruct conferees to agree to section 1602 of the Senate amendment, retaining the old “permanent law” for farm programs, and to agree to the Senate position that Title IV, reauthorizing the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and other nutrition programs, should be reauthorized for 5 years instead of the 3 years of authorization in the House bill, preventing Republicans from decoupling these important programs from the rest of the Farm Bill.
- 2) H.Res. 378 (Rep. Pitts – Ways and Means/Agriculture)** – Under current law, the U.S. is required to import a guaranteed minimum amount of sugar each year (plus unlimited amounts from Mexico under NAFTA). In addition, USDA is directed to import additional amounts of sugar to help balance supply and demand. Current law prevents USDA from announcing this additional access before April 1 of any marketing year in an effort to give USDA time to make a more accurate estimate of US production (and Mexican imports) for that year. The Pitts resolution directs House conferees to advance provisions to repeal the April 1 restriction and allow USDA to announce additional import amounts at any time during the marketing year. A similar provision was included in a broader Pitts amendment that failed on the floor during the first farm bill debate in June.

TOMORROW’S OUTLOOK

The GOP Leadership has announced the following schedule for Saturday, October 12: No votes are expected in the House, but should the need arise, Members will be given enough time to be available for votes.

The Daily Quote

“A fight over Obamacare? That’s so last week. With the government shutdown firmly in its second week, and the debt limit projected to be reached next Thursday, top House and Senate Republicans are publicly moving away from gutting the health care law... ‘I’d like to get rid of Obamacare, no question about that, but I think that effort has failed,’ said Sen. Orrin Hatch (R-Utah), the veteran member of the Senate Finance Committee. ‘And we’re going to have to take it on in other ways.’ Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-S.C.) said bluntly: ‘We took an unpopular law and chose a more unpopular tactic to deal with the law.’”

- Politico, 10/9/13